Safety Tip of the Month

THE HAUNTED HALLOWEEN EDITION

The month of October is about tricks, treats and shake ups. Risk Management would like to share some safety tips which will prevent any injurious “Bumps in the Night.”

Safety Tips for Motorists

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Trick-or-Treating

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone.

Advise children not to eat any treats until they return home.

Teach children to never enter a stranger’s home.

Costumes

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags to make sure they are visible.

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first.

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

If children are wearing a mask, do not opt for one which obscures the child’s vision.

If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child’s costume, make sure it is not sharp or long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he or she stumbles or trips.

Pedestrian Safety

Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

Remind children to stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.

Cell Phone Use

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don’t run, across the street.

Emergencies & Lost Children

Review with children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they ever have an emergency or become lost.

Pumpkin Carving

Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.

Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin.

If You Plan on Going Out

If you plan on being away the night of Halloween, consider bringing in valuable decorative items, as they can be subject to vandalism and theft, left unattended.

To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, individuals should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.

If you have pets, find a secure, safe location for them to be housed while you’re away. The noise of a busy street and consistent knocking on doors can be stressful on our furry friends.

In Preparation of the Great Shakeout on 10/19/2017

Safety Considerations for the Great Shake Out

Space below your desk should be clear of obstructions, so that you can take cover.

Look out for your keyboard tray!